

The Mother's Hour

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Little figures robed in white,
Mellow glow of candlelight.

Little hands upraised in prayer,
Roses sweet and fair.

All the work and play and fun
For the happy day are done.

All the little faults confessed,
All the troubles set at rest.

Childhood sweet as dawn and flowers
Drifts thru many changeable hours.

But one hour, the mother's own,
Must belong to her alone,

When she sees each sunny head
Safe and cozy in its bed.

When the world may do its worst,
God and she have had them first,

And her bairns are folded fair
In the tender Shepherd's care.

Angels bend above the room
Where the dimpled darlings bloom

In their lovely innocence,
Warding every evil hence,

From the little ones who dwell
Where the mother guards them well.

God and she about them stand,
They are safe on every hand.

Kneeling for them at the throne,
They are hers and God's alone.

And each child, a tender flower,
Blossoms in the mother's hour.

—Harper's Bazar.

Communion Notices

The Flora Brethren church will hold communion services on Tuesday evening, March 20. A cordial invitation is extended to the surrounding congregations to meet with us.

The Mount Pleasant Brethren church will hold quarterly communion on Monday evening, March 26. Services commence at 7:30 P. M. JOHN M. FOX, Pastor.

The Crimes of the Tongue

Selected.

The second most deadly instrument of destruction is the dynamite gun—the first is the human tongue, says William George Jordan, in his "Kingship of Self control." The gun merely kills bodies, the tongue kills reputations and, oftentimes, ruins characters. Each gun works alone; each loaded tongue has a hundred accomplices. The havoc of the gun is visible at once. The full evil of the tongue lives thru all the years; even the eye of Omniscience might grow tired in tracing it to its finality.

The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, of malice, of envy, of bitterness, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes, yet in any single year the aggregate sorrow, pain and suffering they cause in a nation is microscopic when compared with the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue. Place in one of the scale pans of justice the evils resulting from the acts of criminals, and in the other the grief and tears and suffering resulting from the crimes of respectability, and you will start back in amazement as you see the scale you thought the heavier shoot high in air.

At the hands of thief or murderer few of us suffer, even indirectly. But from the careless tongue of friend, the cruel tongue of enemy, who is free? No human being can live a life so true, so fair, so pure as to be beyond the reach of malice, or immune from the poisonous emanations of envy. The insidious attacks against one's reputation, the loathsome innuendoes, slurs, half-lies by which jealous mediocrity seeks to ruin its superiors, are like those insect parasites that kill the heart and life of a mighty oak. So cowardly is the method, so stealthy the shooting of the poisoned thorns, so insignificant the separate acts in their seeming, that one is not on guard against them. It is easier to dodge an elephant than a microbe.

Whoever we may leave or whatever we may lose, still we part not from our best Friend, nor are we deprived of our most valuable portion. We cannot be lonely if God be with us. We cannot want if he provides for us. We cannot err if he guides us. We cannot perish if he preserves us. And all this he will do for those who put their trust in him.—Bush.

It is not a shame to make show of our profession, so we truly profess what we make show of; but of the two I had rather be good and not seem so, than seem good and not be so.—Warwick

Matrimonial

HARRELL—THOMPSON—At the home of the bride in Roann, Ind., Mr. Gipson, Harrell of Wabash, Ind., and Miss Ocie P. Thompson, were united by me in the bonds of holy marriage, on Feb. 12, 1900. The groom takes with him to his new home in Wabash, one of Roann's most excellent young ladies. May long life and happiness thru it all be theirs. God bless them. LOUIS S. BAUMAN, Roann, Ind.

BAUSMAN—POWELL—Married at the home of the pastor in Pleasant Hill, O., February 25, 1900, Dr. Albert L. Bausman and Miss Margaret Powell. Both are prominent young people and have the well wishes of the entire community.

M. S. WHITE.

LEIDY—ROSE—At the Brethren parsonage on the corner of Second and Oak streets, Conemaugh, Pa., on March 8, 1900, Mr. Amos Leidy and Miss Abbie Rose were united in marriage by the writer.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Our Dead

FIKE.—Ellen Purdy was born July 11, 1842, and died at her home in Roann, Feb. 23, 1900 at the age of 57 years, 7 months and 12 days. She was a daughter of Dr. F. H. Purdy, and was one of thirteen children, a sister and two brothers only, survive her. She was united to Christian Fike in marriage in April 1876, and her husband and one son are left to mourn their loss. She united with the Roann Brethren church, Dec. 12, 1899, and at the time of her death was resigned to God's will, and expressed her desire "to depart and be with Christ." Funeral sermon by the writer from II Sam. 14: 14, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Chili, Ind.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

PICKERING.—Rosy Bell Pickering was born Jan. 1, 1877, was married to Ollie Gord, Feb. 7, 1897, departed this life March 7, 1900, 23 years, 2 months and 7 days. Deceased was a member of the Mount Pleasant Brethren church, having united in the spring of 1894, receiving baptism by brother Martin Shively, March 7. Funeral services conducted March 9, by the undersigned.

JOHN M. FOX.

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